

MEMO

To: Mid-San Joaquin Valley Regional GIS Collaboration
From: Bob Slobodian, Director, ISIS Center
Date: 01 September 2002
Re: San Joaquin Valley Regional GIS Council – formation proposal



As many of you know the ISIS Center at CSU Fresno has been involved with helping build the GIS infrastructure in the San Joaquin Valley. Many of you also know that the California GIS Council was formed in 2001 to address planning, collaborative policy development, and leverage funding and funding opportunities.

Starting first in September 2001 but really getting traction on the organizing since June 2002 I have been meeting with individuals and groups around the valley. The purpose of these meetings is to determine if there is interest in organizing a “mid-tier” San Joaquin Valley Regional GIS Council. What I mean by “mid-tier” is a level positioned to connect with both the California GIS Council and the existing local GIS Councils. – **The interest is there.**

The support for the idea is widespread so I am initiating a next step. I am proposing that while I work on making the case in the northern and southern counties of the valley the formalization process commence here in the mid-valley.

I wish to make it clear that the proposed SJV Regional GIS Council is an association of individuals and not organizations. To support this distinction, I am asking individuals to affirm their willingness to participate in the council by sending their contact information to our central registry. Even those who have been on the contact list previously will need to send the email because this time we are asking that your willingness to participate also indicates your support of the San Joaquin Regional GIS Council Charter. (attached)

Participants Contact List

- participant's name,
- title,
- role,
- organization *
- department,
- email address,
- telephone number,

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(If you are to be designated the main contact person
for your organization, please indicate)

3 documents attached:

1. GIS Council – California
2. GIS Council – Regionals
3. GIS Council – San Joaquin Valley Regional GIS Council
(includes the proposed charter)

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